Therefore the scheme is implemented as an export linked subsidy scheme. The quantum of assistance of the scheme also cannot be increased in view of the resource crunch.

In view of these factors there is presently no need to modify the scheme.

Sale of FCV Tobacco in Auction Plate-forms in Andhra Pradesh

30. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the quantity of F. C. V. tobacco sold on auction plateforms in Andhra Pradesh as on date;

(b) what is its percentage on total production and what is the unit value re-alisation in different areas; and

(c) what are the corresponding figures for the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) to (c) A statement as Annexure is laid on the Table of the House.

[See Appendix CCXVII, ANNEXURE No. 3].

Trade Agreement with Israel

31. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Israel have agreed to sign a memorandum of understanding on trades for bringing about greater commercial bilateral interaction;

(b) if so, by when the memorandum is likely to be signed; and

(c) what are the details of the proposed Memorandum ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AH MED) : (a) to (c) India has proposed an Agreement between the two countries on Trade and Economic Corporation, a draft of which has recently been given to the Government of Israel for consideration.

Tightening of Anti-dumping Laws

32. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government proposed to tighten the anti-dumping laws to effectively counter the dumping by the foreign manu-facturers;

(b) if so, the details thereof and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Indian Customs Famf Act already empowers the Government to impose anti-dumping duties in those cases in which dumped imports are found to be causing material injury to the domestic industry. Before such a duty can be imposed, an authority designated by Government has to make a finding on the existence of dumping and injury, and a causal link between the two. The Designated Authority is normally required *to* initiate an investigation only upon receipt of a written request, supported by evidence of dumping, injury, and a causal link between such dumped imports and the-alleged injury, by or on behalf of the affected domestic industry. Government has since put in place the necessary arrangements to investigate and redress cases of injurious dumping.